MRAC Board Minutes May 19 2008

Attendees: Howard AB9FH, Mark AB9CD, Joe N9UX, Sarah KB9ZNC, Pancho KA9OFA, Ted WA9RDI, Al KC9IJJ.
Absent: Tom WI9TOM, Brian KC9HEK

The meeting took place at the QTH of Joe N9UX. The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm. The minutes were read. Joe made a motion to accept minutes as read, and it was seconded by Ted WA9RDI. Mark AB9CD noted that the treasurer report was the same as last month's general meeting. There were no questions so Al KC9IJJ moved to accept it, seconded by Joe. Regarding special topics, only Ted had progress to report; he will have stickers for the June meeting. There was a discussion on Al's project, the RAIN report, how to get the sound file played on the repeater, when and how often to play it.

Old Business: Al offered to make and send out QSL cards for the 90th Anniversary for anyone who had run out of cards and still had people on their list. On the topic of Field Day, there will be 6, possibly 7 computers available. Al, Howard and Sarah KB9ZNC offered to help with food if needed. We are short of radios at present. On the topic of the Kids Day weekend, the operating hours will be 12-5 both days. An organizational meeting for this even will be held June 11th. Mark stepped down as contact person for Pioneer Village because of issues with how FD and KD were being handled. Howard will be the contact person. Election: we have some nominations for the open positions. Joe will be handling the balloting materials. Auction: Dave WB9BWP has again agreed to be our auctioneer.

New Business: Mark asks that any board member who accepts cash from members for any reason needs to get exact change. It was agreed that an announcement regarding our newest life member, Bill NE9W, would be made at the general meeting and in the 'Chatter. Mark noted that the by-laws still required the MRAC to manage the VEC fund. Howard made a motion that the topic come up at the next general meeting, and it was seconded by Al. Six voted in favor of it, one abstained. Mark also brought up the subject of altering the 'Chatter's appearance, but Joe requested the topic be tabled until next month. The topic of microphones came up, and it was generally agreed that both a handheld and lapel mic system would be best. Al offered to fix the former lapel system and see if it could be made compatible with our current system. He also agreed to talk to Jeff N9XAK about doing our July program on QRP. Joe made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Pancho KA9OFA. Motion passed.
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Present: Howard Parks, AB9FH; Joe Schwarz, N9UX; Sarah Parks, KB9ZNC; Mark Tellier, AB9CD; Al Maahs, KC9IJJ; Pancho Doneis, KA9OFA; Ted Stiller, WA9RDI
Absent: Brian Bieger, KC9HEK; Tom Liebe, WI9TOM

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The minutes were read. Joe N9UX made a motion to accept minutes as read, and it was seconded by Ted WA9RDI. Mark AB9CD noted that the treasury report was the same as last month's membership meeting. There were no questions or corrections, so Al KC9IJJ moved to accept the report, and Joe N9UX seconded it. Both motions passed.

Regarding special topics, Howard AB9FH had no updates on his "5 Questions" project, and Brian KC9HEK was not present to report on his. Ted WA9RDI will have stickers (for magazines and books) with the club website, e-mail address and phone number ready by the June meeting. There was some discussion on how to broadcast the RAIN report.

Moving onto old business, Al KC9IJJ offered to print and send 90th-anniversary QSL cards for anyone who does not have enough cards for the names assigned to them.

Regarding Field Day, six -- possibly seven -- computers will be available. Al KC9IJJ, Howard AB9FH and Sarah KB9ZNC will be available to help with food. More radios will be needed. The operating hours on the weekend before Field Day will be 12-5. An organizational meeting for the event will be on Wednesday, June 11th. Mark AB9CD announced his intention to step down as liaison to Ozaukee County Historical Society; Howard AB9FH will take the position until such time as someone else should offer to take it.

Regarding the May meeting, the number of people running is equal to open positions. Dave WB9BWP will again be the auctioneer.

Mark AB9CD noted that he needs to get exact change when receiving renewal forms that have passed through another member's hands. If you receive a $20 from a member in renewal fees and gave them $3 in change, the treasurer must receive exactly $17.

Bill NE9W has been made our newest Life member. A mention of it will be made during the membership meeting, and in the 'Chatter.

A motion to strike all mention of the VEC from the by-laws will be made at the May membership meeting. Howard AB9FH made a motion to that effect, seconded by Al KC9IJJ; six votes in favor, one abstained.

Mark AB9CD brought up the topic of altering the 'Chatter,but following some discussion Joe N9UX made a motion to defer discussion on the topic until next month.

Al KC9IJJ will investigate making the previous lapel mic system into a working sound system; a handheld mic is good for passing around, but a lapel mic is better for the speakers. He will also speak to Jeff N9XAK about doing a July program on QRP.

Joe N9UX made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pancho KA9OFA. The motion passed without opposition.
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